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SHORTCOMINGS IN IMPLEMENTATION OF CENTRALLY SPONSORED SCHEMES
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Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government have noticed the shortcomings in the implementation of various Centrally sponsored schemes during the Ninth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the steps taken to rectify these shortcomings in the Tenth Five Year Plan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI PON RADHAKR)

(a): Yes, Sir.

(b): Various steps taken to rectify shortcomings under different schemes are as under:-

(i) INTEGRATED DEVELOPMENT OF SMALL AND MEDIUM TOWNS (IDSMT):-The guidelines in force are under revision wherein the bottle-necks in availing institutional finance and monitoring of the implementation of the scheme by the State Level Sanctioning Committee are sought to be removed. To reorient the officials involved in the implementation of the IDSMT schemes several training programmes have been organised and more such programmes would be organised in future. Financial allocations have also been enhanced in the Tenth Plan as compared to Ninth Plan.

(ii) ACCELERATED URBAN WATER SUPPLY PROGRAMME (AUWSP):-The scheme is being reviewed on regular basis in the Review Meeting under the Chairmanship of Secretary(UD) with the Secretaries/Heads of Implementing Agencies in charge of Urban Water Supply. During these meetings physical and financial performance of the programme is reviewed and decisions are taken for resolving the issues coming in the way of effective implementation of the programme in different States. The existing guidelines of AUWSP are also being modified to consider the small towns with population less than 20,000 as per 2001 census in lieu of 1991 census.

(iii) LOW COST SANITATION:- To remove the shortcomings in the existing guidelines and also with a view to recasting them, a meeting was taken by Secretary (UEPA) with the representatives of the State Governments. The suggestions of the State Governments, NGOs and other stakeholders in the implementation of the scheme have also been invited. It was felt that there is need for convergence of the components of liberation and rehabilitation of scavengers. In order to bring out the convergence, it was decided to transfer National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers from the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment to this Ministry and the transfer has been effected.

(iv) MEGA CITY SCHEME:-Under the scheme sharing between Central and State Government is to be in the ratio of 25:25 and the balance 50 percent is to be mobilized from Financial Institutions either by the Nodal Agency or by the Implementing agency. There have difficulties in getting the matching State share released to the Nodal Agency. The Ministry has, however, regularly pursued with the State Governments for early release of matching State share.

(v) NIGHTSHELTER SCHEME:- The scheme is being evaluated from time to time by the Ministry and Planning Commission to encourage all State Governments to come forward with more and more project proposals. The guidelines were modified in October, 2002 to make it more acceptable to the States.

Apart from above mentioned steps taken under individual schemes, the Ministry has recently constituted a Monitoring Committee for monitoring all centrally sponsored schemes.